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The Republican members of the Kentucky General Assembly have endorsed Hon. Wm. O. Bradley for Vice President.

Bondholders have asked the Federal Court to appoint a Receiver for the city of Houston, Texas. The indebtedness is \$1,000,000.

A monument to the memory of the famous Sergeant Jasper will be unveiled at Savannah tomorrow. President Cleveland will be present.

Senators Beck and Blackburn voted against the Blair bill on Wednesday. The bill passed the Senate by a decreased vote. It will fail in the House.

The President and Mrs. Cleland, Secretary and Mrs. Whitney, Col. and Mrs. Lamont left Washington, yesterday, for Florida. They will return on Saturday.

The Louisville Medical College graduated ninety-five students on Thursday. Ten were from Kentucky and fifteen from Texas. All the Southern States were represented among the graduates.

Referring to the Blair bill, Senator Hawley said: "It is a bill to promote mendicancy; it is a bill declaring the failure of local self-government in one of the supreme interests of the people. It falsely declares bankruptcy of States which before our very eyes are rich and growing."

Gen. Wm. S. Harney celebrated the 70th year of his appointment to office in the United States Army, on Monday of last week, at his home at Pass Christian, Mississippi. His first commission, that of Lieutenant of Infantry, is signed by President Monroe, and his last, that of General, by President Buchanan. He belonged to the cavalry during the Mexican war, and was a holy terror to the enemy.

The scheme on the part of some unnecessary Chicago fellows to purchase the famous old Libby prison in Richmond, Va., remove it to Chicago and reproduce it there, is strongly opposed by many Union soldiers who were prisoners within its gloomy walls. Libby prison ought to remain where it is. Its removal would only serve to reopen the animosities engendered by the war. Let it rest.

D. R. Locke, the famous "Petroleum King," died at his home in Toledo, O., on Tuesday, aged 35 years. No newspaper man was better known or had a greater number of readers, during the war, than he. He steadfastly refused all offers of Government positions. His estate, besides the Toledo Blade, is valued at a million dollars. He has written little within the past few years. His father, a veteran of the war of 1812, survives him, aged 94 years.

A CYCLONE.

Mt. Vernon, Illinois, was devastated by a cyclone last Sunday. Thirty-five persons were killed, more than a hundred wounded, and three hundred houses destroyed. Loss, \$600,000.

A SENATOR IN CONTEMPT.

Senator Levy, of Woodford county, said to a juryman in the Mundy case, "I hope they will keep you there until they hang that old woman." Judge Morton sent the Sheriff to Frankfort, arrested Mr. Levy in the Senate chamber and produced him before Judge Morton for contempt of court, where he was promptly fined \$30 and costs. Senator Levy "ain't no Moscow" any way, but he won't monkey with Judge Morton's court again.

MRS. MUNDY ACQUITTED.

After a three days consultation, the jury in the case of the Commonwealth against Mrs. Loretta Mundy, at Lexington, charged with complicity in the murder of her husband in Woodford county, five years ago, for the supposed purpose of securing a life-insurance policy of \$30,000, rendered a verdict of not guilty. Her son-in-law, Dr. Walker Davis, is now serving a life term in the penitentiary for complicity in the murder. It is entirely probable that Mrs. Mundy is guilty, if Dr. Davis is, and that Dr. Davis is innocent, if Mrs. Mundy is, and both ought to be in the penitentiary or out of it.

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THE LEGISLATURE.

Bills introduced since our last report:

To better protect the lives and property of persons traveling on railroads.

To create a Common Pleas Court in the counties of Estill, Lee, Wolfe, Breathitt and Knox.

To prevent teachers from influencing the election of district trustees.

To change the exemption laws. To charter an Ohio River bridge at Madison, Indiana.

To prohibit the sale of pistol cartridges to minors.

To charter the Central Valley Railway. This road is to run from the Ohio River through Trimble, Shelby, Henry, Anderson, Mercer, Boyle, Casey, Russell and Clinton to the Tennessee line.

To pay a reward of \$50 for catching horse thieves.

The bill to pay circuit judges \$3,000 per year failed in the Senate.

The bill to compel the formula of every patent medicine to be package, failed in the Senate.

The bill to remove the Capital to Lexington was defeated.

The bill to appropriate money for the new Capitol buildings was adopted.

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MCREADY vs. BELMONT.

[Louisville Times.]

The Hon. Perry Belmont has reported to the House of Representatives the annual Consular and Diplomatic Appropriation Bill. We do not know, nor have we information sufficient to enable a prudent individual of a prominent newspaper to form a belief, whether the bill, as reported by the able Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, meets the approval and will receive the support of the able member from the Eight Kentucky district. The country remembers, however, recall the Archilles and Hector time the Hon. Belmont and the Hon. McCreary had when discussing that fearfully and wonderfully made thing, the American Diplomatic Corps, last session. It will be recalled that the Hon. Belmont pleaded for the dignity of the screaming eagle and declared that the feathers of that glorious bird would be ruffled if the salaries of our "representatives abroad" were not increased, while the Hon. McCreary pleaded for the rights of the American tax-payer and suggested that our "representatives abroad" were not satisfied with the salaries they were receiving, they could resign, and he might have added that he could supply their places by very hungry and thirsty Democrats from the Eight Congressional District of Kentucky. For weeks the battle raged, much to the edification of Gov. Curtiss, of Pennsylvania, and much to the discomfort of Speaker Carlisle, and if the Hon. Belmont has not done well enough to come out of the rath, he will again attempt to engrave a whole bushel of general diplomatic legislation upon a general appropriation bill. His grand-daddy gained the battle of Lake Erie by using buckshot, but it takes forty-pounds to bring down our Jim McCreary.

AT THE CAPITAL.

[Correspondence CLIMAX.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 20, 1888.

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The Courier-Journal of Thursday says: "Samuel Bennett has received advice to the effect that he has inherited a fortune of \$300,000 by the death of relatives in County Limerick, Ireland." It is more than probable that Sam will take a trip to Ireland.

The Concourse of Thursday

way into the ground, and the water from the barn roofed into it will be preferable for the horse to very cold well water. A horse needs at least two palls of water a day, or if given half a palfal before meals, or four a day, it will be sufficient, unless when hard at work in sultry weather. Do not give warm water at any time of the year, so that it will not be key. Do not water or feed directly, coming to the water trough, and do not work hard immediately after eating heartily.—American Agriculturist.

NEWS PARAGRAPHS.

William Hafendorfer, of Louisville, aged eleven, accidentally shot and instantly killed his brother Edward, aged eight, while carelessly handling a gun which he supposed was hot loaded.

A derrick used in constructing the elevated railway on Broadway, New York, fell from the scaffolding on which it rested to the street below, crashing

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Dunhill has a steam power peanut roaster.

Home-made maple sugar on the market.

A good graded school is what some of our people are wanting.

National holiday—banks, revenue and post-office closed to day.

Mr. Matt H. Stockton, who has been in bed ever since last July, is out again.

Mr. J. C. Lyter is at Pineville, and thinks of removing to that growing place.

On Monday, 500 pounds of mail, all kinds, passed through the Richmond post-office.

Mr. T. J. Callahan will sell his personal property, two miles from White's Station, the 25th.

A number of the business houses took advantage of the bright, warm weather to do their spring cleaning.

John Robinson's big elephant got loose on the streets of Cincinnati, Sunday, and took the town for an hour.

Mr. J. C. Parrish, of Hunt, Clark county, formerly of this place, has his eye on Pineville, and will probably remove thither.

A fine specimen of fossil fern of the carboniferous period, taken from the Lilley mines, is on exhibition at L. P. Sanders & Co's.

A new fire-proof safe, a street-door size, sixty pounds of new type, and a cyclopedic set of recent acquisitions at THE CLIMAX office.

Courier-Signal sold last week, in Berea, the house and lot of Alice Puskin, L. M., Messrs. D. P. Armer and S. D. Parrish, for \$60.

Mr. Lake has erected a store-house on Main street, below A street and will carry on a grocery. It is the first business house built on that square.

There is no deposit, to the credit of individuals, in the four banks of Richmond, the sum of \$95,737.50, according to the bank reports published elsewhere in this issue.

Mr. John C. Douglas, who for some time has been salesman for Mr. C. L. Seelye, at Waco, will go soon to Bloomington, Illinois, where he will engage in mercantile pursuits.

Mr. S. A. Kirkman, the well-known teacher, has completed his school at Point Luck, and gone to Greensborough, North Carolina. When the robins nest again, he may return.

Mr. E. Wiggins purchased of Messrs. T. Shackelford and Co., O. H. Chenault, two lots in the E-till addition, facing the old residence, for \$600. Mr. Wiggins begins building a residence on his purchase this week.

Mrs. Payne and Bright, who occupy the house that was last year occupied by the Adams express office, received many daily boxes, bags, packages and parcels, such as eggs, lard, raw hides, cow skins, and a long string of soft forms, with the request, to "send it right away now, for I want it to go." At all hours of the day and early part of the night, persons drop in with such questions as "have you got a package for me?" "has that box of mine come yet?" &c.

G. H. vs. G. B.
Last Saturday, with the thermometer at 65, the sun shining, the bees humming, the birds singing, and the dust flying about the trees, was a thorough groundhog day, while the Saturday before, with the thermometer at 25, sheet covering the trees and ground, no sunshine, and a profound hibernation the bees and birds, was a straight-out goose-day.

Lent.
Lent opened Wednesday, it being Ash Wednesday. Probably never has this season opened or will close under similar circumstances. Tuesday was St. Valentine's Day, Mardi Gras and Shrove Tuesday. As Lent was preceded by a day on which people make fools of themselves, it will end on "All-Fools' Day," which is Easter Sunday this year, April 1st.—Bourbon News.

New Gas Company.
Mr. Frank Adair, manager of the Richmond Gas Works, and Dr. George W. Evans, of Richmond, bought last week of Messrs. Tarr & Mogenbren, of Bourbon county, the aforesaid gas works. The price paid was \$15,000. Mr. Adair returned on Monday from Cincinnati with \$900 worth of new machinery, and the best of gas to be offered the town, so soon as the repairs can be completed.

Accident.
On Thursday afternoon as Messrs. A. D. Ruff and E. Turley were riding their bicycles north street, an accident happened to Mr. Ruff. In running from North street into Aepel road Mr. Ruff struck something, causing him to loose his balance. He was thrown against the gas-pot dislocating his shoulder. The accident was not a serious though a very painful one. Mr. Ruff says he doesn't mind the hurt so much as being unable to ride his machine for a week or two.

Trying to Break Her Will.
A Nicholasburg telegram says: Hon. J. Kellogg, Walter, of Nicholas county, is here for the purpose of breaking a newly made will of his aunt, Mrs. Purviance Whitmore, who left an estate of \$60,000 without remaking her will, and leaving out a widowed sister. She left \$16,000 to Mrs. Mattie Cook, of Lawrenceburg; \$3,000 to Miss Phoebe Marks, of Danville, and \$5,000 to Maj. Tuck Downing who managed her estate for twenty-five years. Dr. L. C. Wagner was made administrator of the estate without bond.

Ringing in Kansas.
The gentleman in the enjoining paragraph from the Topeka, Kansas, Capital, was the senior member of the firm of J. W. Bell & Co., in Richmond:

J. W. Bell, one of our most popular and successful young business men, has embarked in the real estate business, and resides at the North-west corner of Sixth and Main streets.

'Mr. Bell is as well and favorably known to the people of our city and surrounding country that further introduction through the columns of the Capital is unnecessary. His business relations with him, and with an excellent list of city and farm property, we predict that his career as a terra firma dispenser, will be a success.

Sad.

Mr. Alex Look, while making a prohibition speech in Laurel county, was very severe on officers for failing to do their duty in executing the laws. He became so warmed up that he laid aside his overcoat, which was quietly taken possession of and levied on by Deputy Sheriff Raudal, as he had a little claim against him for taxes or something, and he did not want to be charged with failing to do his duty. The consequence was the orator departed without his overcoat into the cold night air.

Closed.

Hon. Lon J. Beauchamp, who has been lecturing at the Court house on temperance for the past ten days, closed the series of lectures Friday night with a benefit. Mr. Beauchamp has been drawing crowds of people to hear him, and has had some four hundred people join the temperance cause. Numbers of our citizens were delighted with Mr. Beauchamp's address and particularly pleased with his anecdotes as most of them were good and well told.

The prophecy that Mr. Beauchamp would lecture to empty benches the night of his benefit when 25 cents admission was charged, was proven untrue. He had a full house and the receipts for the evening's entertainment was \$50.00. Mr. Beauchamp left Saturday for Cynthiahiana where he will lecture.

Horses.

The following horses were purchased at the Brasfield & Co., horse sale last week at Lexington by Richmond gentlemen: Karle Wilkes, bay filly, foaled 1883, by Governor Wilkes, dam by Ryland, II, P. Fox, for \$300; Roxie, b. m., 16 years, by Feulon Bay, dam pedigree, S. B. White, for \$55; Minnie, b. m., foaled 1881, by Mark Diamond, dam by Green Mountain, J. S. Cleaves for \$170; Beauty, chestnut filly foaled 1886, by Bradford's Telegraph, J. B. Chenault for \$140; Equal, 2^y, by Egaliat, dam by Harry Wilkes, J. B. Chenault, for \$150. During the four days sale there were 236 horses sold for \$91,190, an average of \$345 per head. Col. O. H. Chenault sold last week to Klimmler, of Lexington, Ky., the milliner, at the price given: Slave by Hines first day by Curts' Hambletonian, \$500; Slave by Red Wilkes \$100; a gelding for \$200 and a colt \$300.

H. B. DILLINGHAM.

How to Bloom a Calla Lily.
The proprietor of the "Cottage Garden," this place, hands THE CLIMAX the following information which is especially useful to owners of calla lilies, as that beautiful flower is difficult to produce:

Take a glazed stone jar, say 14 inches high, or it may be a few inches higher, with propionate width. Put into the jar three inches of powdered charcoal. On that, place five or six inches of rich mud, and in it set the Hy. "only partially below the surface." On top of the mud, put two or three inches of clean, coarse sand. On this sand, put a few small bright pebbles for ornament. Then fill the jar with rain water, and as the water evaporates replace it, keeping the pebbles covered at least one inch with water. Set the jar in a warm sunny window. The lily will grow and leaf and bloom most luxuriantly. This can be done in winter as well as summer.

A Kentuckian in Kansas.
Hon. John M. Price, a native of Indiana, Ky., well-known here in days long-gone by, has been thirty years in Kansas. He is therefore an older citizen than Kansas is a State. The latter was admitted into the Union 27 years ago, January 29th ("Kansas" was duly observed, and the Atchison Patriot wrote up everytody, and every thing within its power, to "send it right away now, for I want it to go.") At all hours of the day and early part of the night, persons drop in with such questions as "have you got a package for me?" "has that box of mine come yet?" &c.

GEO. B. HIGGINS.

Mr. Higgins has visited Richmond several times and is well remembered here.

A Good Example.

Below appear three paragraphs from the will of the late Hon. James S. Rollins, of Columbia, Mo., formerly of Richmond:

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He has given and bequeathed to Dr. J. F. Hains, J. P. McAfee, T. B. Engle and R. L. Todd, elders of the Presbyterian church of Columbia, and to their successors in office, the sum of one thousand dollars, to be held by them in trust, to be kept specially invested to the payment of annual salary of the regular officiating pastor of said church, for the time being, and to no other purpose. This bequest was also made in the instance of my wife, we being members of said church, and it being the church of my beloved mother, whilst living, and of several of my children.

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THE CLIMAX.

FRENCH TIPTON, WM. G. WHITE.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1888.

OUR TREASURE.

We've got a cradle in our house
And we've got something in it,
That's just as cunning as a mouse—
We love it every minute.

Sometimes I am sad, and my continual eyes
Straighten your heart, peeping;
Sometimes, because it is so wise,
And shuts them tight—for sleeping.

With smiles it despised hands reach on
To mama when she's sick it;
It's treacherous, and its pretty point
If mama rushes by it.

Sometimes its pink and peacock toes
High in its mouth are twinkling;
Sometimes it's built by itself, it grows
And coos while it's really kicking.

If when it hides, it makes a break
In loving arms that fold it.
We try to coax it from its nest
To aantom hold it.

It's being a good thing as it says to:

"No, that's not it. Here lies its,"

Then mama in her tender way
Quite smother it with kisses.

All day it plays, with laughter sweet
And gives such pleasure;

We think it's a perfect complete

Before we had our treasure.

What's in this cradle that we own?

You'll never guess it, may be,

So I'll just whisper you alone—

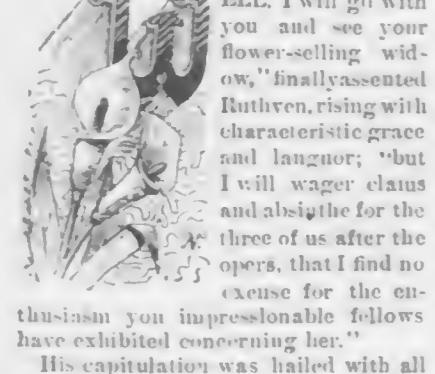
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—H. C. Dodge's Detroit Free Press.

A SYMPHONY IN LILIES.

A Complex Flirtation and Its Unexpected Ending.

[WRITTEN FOR THIS PAPER.]



ELL. I will go with you and see your flower-selling widow, lily-sassied Ruthven, rising with characteristic grace and languor, "and I will wade clams and cabbage for the three of us after the opera, that I find no excuse for the embezzler you impudent fellows have exhibited concerning her."

His capitulation was hailed with all the more satisfaction by his friends for the reason that it had been so long delayed. They had pestered him on the subject every night for a week past and were quite ready to believe him when he privately asserted that his only object in yielding was to escape the burden of their importunities.

Ruthven, on the whole, was rather to be envied, though his friends—a man who possessed all the cords of the world's gods to afford a simple solution of the problem of existence, and at the same time sufficient of talent to make him fairly conspicuous in the arena of letters was rather a novelty, and Ruthven's courteous bearing, proverbial generosity and unfailing wit easily procured the pardon for the pretty cynicism with which he regarded or affected to regard the general run of men and things.

They were at his rooms now—light, airy rooms, whose equipment, if not luxurious, had evidence of the tenant's exceptional taste in the matter of artistic effect—and waited rather impatiently while he ruined three cravats in the effort to achieve a satisfactory bow. His toilet completed, they passed out upon the street, Ruthven observing plaintively as he closed the door behind him that he was "ready for the sacrifice."

His companions laughed lightly and set remarks to cigarettes. They were both young things, he, and an accurate observer would have seen the pursuit of pleasure was made of an occupation with them than with Ruthven, the latter, however, showing by his manner that he enjoyed their company. It was not long before they turned, and surrolling around a quiet street paused at a signal from the youngest of the trio, when Ruthven addressed as "George" to a small shop, in the windows of which were displayed a number tastefully arranged vases of lilies.



THEY PASSED IN.

"Enter," said "George," in a half whisper. "And you, Ruthven, post yourself in the rear and observe her, while I procure me a boutonniere."

The girl in Ruthven's room, who did as he was bidden, observed with a face of waxen whiteness, and large, penetrating gray eyes. Her figure was full, but of graceful outline. She was arranging another vase of lilies, and Ruthven fell to comparing the line of the flowers to that of the lady's hands, without being able to render a verdict either way. He noted also, with reluctant admiration, the wonderful white veins that served to enhance the brilliance of two very delicate white wrists.

George's extremely devotional attitude and respect for a grecianum spray was rewarded with a smile that exhibited a spot of gleaming teeth, rather too large, perhaps, for perfect beauty, but still effective. When the grecianum had been pinned in place George turned to his companions: "Mrs. Fox," he said with deference, "let me present my friend Mr.—Mr.—" and he hesitated.

"He is rather seriously injured that young man advancing to the counter. He did not notice why, that if George had attempted to conceal his identity under an assumed name he could have found the energy to kick him."

Mrs. Fox slightly inclined her head, with its massive coils of inky hair, in acknowledgment of Ruthven's graceful salutation. He chose to leave the selection of a "button-hole" to her, he said, and felt strangely gratified when he ignored a pyramid of brilliant rose-buds and adjusted a tiny spray of lilies of the valley. "I will take care, at some time pinning back the label of his light overcoat in order to protect the flowers. It looked down as she did so, and noted the tapering fingers and wonderfully polished rosebed nails at their extremities.

A few remarks on ordinary topics and the two left the shop. George, however, bethink an instant, as his custom was, for an individual adieu. Ruthven, glancing back experienced a thrill of innumerable annoyance on beholding the young man in an olive extremely devotional attitude, and in his carnation lips quivering.

"Well," asked George, experiencing his aversion in that of his companion, "what do you think of her, boy?"

"She is hardly beautiful," rejoined Ruthven, slowly, after a long pause, "and I do not like masculine women. And yet—she preferred lilies to roses. Yes, I think that in strict justice I owe you thanks and absolve 'Isabella' call your friend sympathetic in life."

"You have been mistaken, sir," she replied, still kindly. "What woman lives who does not pity a case of hopeless love, particularly when she herself is the object of it. 'It has been married six years. My husband is on the frontier with General Crook's command. I expect him home in May.'

Whatever of pity there was in her heart for him suddenly vanished utterly. Somehow she felt, after a scrutiny of his face, that Ruthven could dispense with it.

"Then may I ask," he said, with gentle courtesy, "to what I am to attribute your display of emotion as I entered a few moments ago?"

A good deal of her sorrowful expression returned. "Oh, it's nothing very serious. She's an invalid, a paraplegic, yet gay, witty, but disabled. She had always, as a matter of course, considered him the most brilliant, as well as lovely of men, and found no reason to change her opinion to-night. When he had called at the carriage window and bade the two ladies good-night, the big blue eyes of the younger showed the glow of the street lamp lit by withered leaves, and the mother would have given them day and as the vehicle rolled away, leaving him there, the yellow curtains went down on the mother's willing breast, as their owner signified forth the customary: 'Oh, mamma, can you wonder that I love him?'

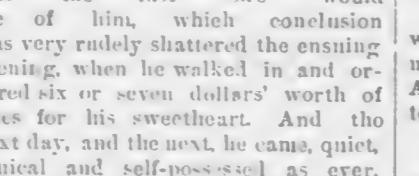
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RECENT INVENTIONS.

Things of Beauty and Usefulness and Trifles Light as Air.

Here are a number of inventions which do not need long descriptions: A small round rubber mat, with little spikes all over it, on which the easier drops the silver change and coins from which the customer easily picks up.

A cheese-cutter, consisting of a knife which the grocer can, with certainty, cut ten times from the cheese whenever the customer orders half a pound.

A balloon which carries a lightning rod in the air over an oil tank.

A cigar-cutting machine that drops out all the Havana, clips the end off, and exposes a match and a piece of sand-paper, whenever a nickel or lead blank is dropped in a slot in the side of the machine.

A nose protector (Idaho invention), which a wooden pad is snugly fitted on the nose of the wearer.

I asked this firm if the change could be due to the fact that the colored people had become buyers of ready-made clothing, but have reply that the negroes are buying more ready-made clothing now than previous to the war accounts only in a small degree for the increase of the white.

A electric boot-blacking machine, in which a brush is rapidly revolved in a non-rotaing handle. The whirling brush brings the shine in one-tenth of the time of the old vibrator elbow method.

A rubber funnel which may be fitted on the head, big end up, so as to enclose all the hair while the hairdresser shampoos a customer. A tube hangs down behind, so as to carry away the waste, while the bus is for flushing out the hair, funnel and tube is provided.

A monster bicycle, with places for two men in a basket, swings below the axle, who operate the machine with levers geared to the axle.

A dicy duck with a variety of dachshund heads.

An air pump to force oil from a tank on a ship over a stormy sea.

A fan rotated by the wheels of a baby carriage to keep the flies off.

A device which will prevent the negroes from breaking the windows of the stores.

My correspondent in Canada gives the following details: experience covers twenty years; about 300,000 garments.

Breast measures... 80 82 84 86 88 90 92 94 96 98

Waist measure... 32 34 36 38 40 42 44 46

Cut per 100 of 3000... 80 80 80 80 80 80 80 80 80

Average weight for each... 140 150 160 165 170 180 190 200 210

Waist... 30 to 35 of leg inside.

My correspondent in Detroit says:

"We notice marked peculiarities in regions where the people are of mixed blood. The Germans need large waists and short legs, the French small waists and long legs, the Jews medium waists and short legs. We have found a marked difference between the Western man, who measures more around the waist than in the leg, and the Eastern man, who measures more around the waist than in the leg."

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